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Acronyms

| AIEO | American Indian Environmental Office |
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| ANV | Alaska Native Village |
| EPA | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency |
| EPCRA | Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act |
| ITEP | Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals |
| IPPC | EPA's Indian Program Policy Council |
| NTC | National Tribal Caucus |
| OEI | EPA Office of Environmental Information |
| ORD | EPA Office of Research and Development |
| TCU | Tribal Colleges and Universities |
| TGG | Exchange Network Tribal Governance Group |
| TRI | Toxics Release Inventory |
| TSC | National EPA Tribal Science Council |

Fiscal Year 2014 Tribal Accomplishments Report

INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Tribal Strategy seeks to maximize the quality and utility of information and analytical tools available for making well-informed decisions in Indian country,¹ Alaska Native Villages (ANVs), and other lands of interest to tribes. This report details OEI's initiatives and activities conducted in support of the Tribal Strategy during fiscal year (FY) 2014. It is intended to be a tool for fostering communication between EPA and tribal governments, and for providing them with outreach and technical assistance. In addition, this report may be used to identify needed changes or updates to the Tribal Strategy.

OEI is committed to the goals and objectives outlined in the Tribal Strategy, and to continued outreach and consultation with tribal partners.

OEI's Tribal Strategy supports:

- EPA's mission to protect human health and the environment, while recognizing the unique needs of Indian tribes, including ANVs;
- OEI's work with other EPA programs, regional offices and tribes on the importance of environmental data and how these data can be used to support tribal priorities;
- · Tribal self-governance; and
- Strengthening government-to-government relationships between EPA and tribes.



¹ "Indian country," as defined in 40 CFR 71.2, means: "(a) all land within the limits of any Indian reservation under the jurisdiction of the United States Government, notwithstanding the issuance of any patent, and, including rights-of-way running through the reservation; (b) all dependent Indian communities within the borders of the United States whether within the original or subsequently acquired territory thereof, and whether within or without the limits of a state; and (c) all Indian allotments, the Indian titles to which have not been extinguished, including rights-of-way running through the same."



2014 - A Year in Summary

The fifth annual Tribal Accomplishments Report describes the progress made in addressing the goals and objectives of OEI's Tribal Strategy during FY 2014.

Throughout 2014, OEI continued to expand on and refine many of the activities initiated in FY 2011, the first year of OEI's Tribal Strategy implementation. The focus shifted somewhat from building new relationships and developing tools to strengthening existing partnerships, improving programs, and increasing the accuracy and precision of environmental data collection, analysis, and reporting.

Together with other EPA offices, OEI committed to prioritizing tribal concerns to drive outcomes that achieve environmental justice, provided formal training and guidance on tribal consultation to EPA employees, and engaged tribal leaders and environmental directors in Agencywide priority-setting activities. Consistent with past efforts to increase tribal environmental program capacity, OEI made resources, guidance, training and technical support available to all tribal stakeholders, and continued to optimize EPA's ability to collect and analyze data that provide a better understanding of environmental conditions across Indian country, as well as the United States.

TRIBAL ACCCOMPLISHMENTS BY GOALS

To meet the goals of its Tribal Strategy, OEI collaborates with EPA and tribal partners on all phases of program development and implementation to enhance the use of new and existing data tools and services. OEI strives to improve EPA's awareness of tribal needs in order to better understand environmental issues of specific importance to tribes and to identify culturally-appropriate solutions for sustainable results. Specific accomplishments toward meeting OEI's Tribal Strategy FY 2014 goals are described below.

Goal 1: Strengthen Government-to-Government Relationships with Tribes and Tribal Partners

OEI demonstrated its commitment to meaningful engagement with tribal governments during development of several key policies and initiatives in FY 2014. OEI developed formal procedures on consultation with federally recognized tribal governments to enhance communication and coordination with tribal entities on EPA activities. OEI and other program offices worked together to establish the implementation process for the Agency's *Policy on Environmental Justice for Working with Federally Recognized Tribes and Indigenous Peoples*. OEI also sought input on tribal interests and concerns and incorporated them as part of the process of 2016-2017 National Program Guidance development.



OEI Standard Operating Procedure for Consultation with Tribal Governments

In January 2014, OEI established a standard operating procedure (SOP) to provide OEI employees with guidance on consulting with federally recognized tribal governments on a government-to-government basis. OEI consultation(s) with tribal governments must be a process of meaningful communication and coordination between EPA and tribal officials prior to EPA taking actions or implementing decisions that may affect tribes. Posted on OEI's intranet site, the SOP provides guidance for staff on identifying actions requiring consultation, developing a timeframe for consultation, preparing consultation materials, following etiquette, and other associated activities. In addition, the SOP contains an example of a consultation letter, a factsheet, and a checklist.

Consultation Training for OEI Staff

OEI, EPA's Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) and the Office of Research and Development (ORD) conducted a two-part training course on tribal consultation in September 2014. Part 1 focused on the identification phase of the consultation process, while Part 2 emphasized the notification phase. Through the training, the organizing offices sought to increase awareness about the federal requirement to consult with tribal governments if an activity has the potential to impact tribal interests, and provided some practical examples of how this intersects with OEI's efforts.

FY 2013 Tribal Accomplishments Report

In February 2014, OEI released the FY 2013 Tribal Accomplishments Report, which details OEI's initiatives and activities conducted in support of the OEI Tribal Strategy. These annual reports are used to obtain feedback from tribes on OEI's activities, measure progress toward the goals and objectives outlined in the Tribal Strategy, and identify needed changes or updates to the Tribal Strategy. The FY 2013 report documents a number of significant actions including strengthening internal practices for consulting on a government-to-government basis with tribal governments, and taking critical steps to implement the *TRI Reporting for Facilities in Indian Country* final rule to promote greater tribal participation in the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Program. All reports (FY 2010-FY 2013) and the Tribal Strategy can be accessed on <u>OEI's Tribal Coordination website</u>.

Environmental Justice for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples Policy

In July 2014, EPA issued the Agency's *Policy on Environmental Justice for Working with Federally Recognized Tribes and Indigenous Peoples.* This policy establishes principles to ensure that achieving environmental justice is part of EPA's work with federally recognized tribes, state-recognized tribes, individual tribal members, indigenous community-based and grassroots organizations, and others living in Indian country. Staff from OEI and each national program and regional office worked together with EPA's Office of Environmental Justice and the American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO) to guide the Agency during the implementation process.



Indian Program Policy Council

The Indian Program Policy Council (IPPC) consists of EPA Deputy Assistant Administrators and Deputy Regional Administrators who work together to advise and support major policy, science, and implementation issues affecting EPA programs and activities in order to enhance protection of the environment and health of federally recognized tribes. During the fall of 2013, the IPPC reviewed and provided feedback on the implementation of the Agency's *Policy for Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes*. OEI staff participated in a workgroup to review IPCC feedback, identify areas for improvement, and develop actionable steps to address IPPC concerns. As a result, the workgroup drafted a Consultation Implementation Improvements Workplan to guide EPA's efforts to continually improve and strengthen the consultation process. The Workplan was approved by the IPPC in December 2013.

Tribal Program Managers Calls

Throughout FY 2014, OEI participated in weekly calls with the AIEO and Indian Program Coordinators from EPA Headquarters and regional offices. These meetings provided a forum for OEI to communicate important programmatic updates such as the Exchange Network grant solicitation, TRI National Analysis profile of Indian country and Alaska Native Villages, and updates to EPA's tribal geospatial efforts. Specific topics discussed in 2014 included: strengthening the Agency's Consultation Process, implementation of Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP) Guidance across national programs and regions, development of EPA-Tribal Environmental Plans (ETEPs), and concerns affecting multiple regions. Additionally, OEI, along with Headquarters and Regional Tribal Program Managers, responded to inquiries from National Tribal Caucus (NTC) representatives during their formulation of the NTC FY 2016 Budget Addendum. Feedback centered on clarifying past, current, and future efforts benefiting tribes, including resources and grants via the Exchange Network.

Tribal Engagement during National Program Manager Guidance Development

The OEI National Program Manager (NPM) Guidance for FY 2016-2017 describes how program priorities, implementation strategies, and key actions will support government-wide initiatives and improve operational effectiveness and efficiency of EPA's programs while supporting increased transparency and quality of environmental data. OEI coordinated and led two conference calls in August to provide opportunities for tribal leaders and environmental directors to engage at the earliest stages of the priority-setting process for the FY 2016-2017 Guidance. Participants discussed previous NPM Guidance as well as EPA's thoughts on the areas of emphasis for the FY 2016 and FY 2017 NPM Guidance documents. The intent was to engage tribes as early in the process as possible, solicit feedback on OEI's potential focus areas, and address questions and concerns during guidance development.





Goal 2: Strengthen Tribal Capacity to Collect, Analyze, and Share Data and Information

Tribal participation in two major OEI-administered programs for collecting and analyzing environmental data, the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) and the Exchange Network, is critical to ensuring national efforts to reduce environmental risk based on the best available scientific information. OEI provided funding and technical assistance to various tribes and tribal entities during 2014 to enhance tribal participation in these programs. OEI also worked with tribal partners to fine-tune the accuracy of environmental data collected as part of a recently established Agency rule.

2014 TRI National Training Conference

The 2014 National Training Conference on the Toxics Release Inventory and Environmental Conditions in Communities was held May 7-9, 2014, in Arlington, Virginia.² Five tribal representatives participated in the conference, three of whom received OEI travel scholarships. OEI staff presented "Tribal Analysis Using Envirofacts and other TRI Tools," which built on a shared

² Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA, 1986) established the TRI. TRI tracks the management of certain toxic chemicals that pose a threat to human health and the environment. U.S. facilities in certain industry sectors must report how much of each chemical is managed through recycling, energy recovery, treatment and environmental releases.



interest in developing the ability to search EPA's environmental data by tribe. The presentation included a demonstration and practical examples of how to use online TRI tools and Envirofacts to find relevant data. All tribal attendees also participated in the final State-Tribal-EPA session to discuss issues of importance to the TRI Program and its state and tribal partners.

Implementation of TRI Tribal Rule

In April 2012, EPA finalized the rule, *TRI Reporting for Facilities Located in Indian Country and Clarification of Additional Opportunities Available to Tribal Governments under the TRI Program.*Under this rule, facilities located in Indian country and that meet TRI reporting requirements must submit TRI reporting forms to EPA and the appropriate tribe, rather than to the state in which the facility is geographically located. To determine the accuracy of EPA's information about TRI facilities believed to be in Indian country, in 2014, OEI conducted a review of TRI facilities that reported for calendar years 2012 and 2013. As part of the review, OEI followed up with representatives from tribes with facilities located on their tribal lands and with staff from relevant EPA regions to determine the extent to which 2013 reports were submitted directly from facilities to tribes. By conducting this and future reviews, OEI intends to improve the quality of the data coming from TRI facilities in Indian country, and, over time, characterize data trends that can inform better decision-making.

Exchange Network Draft Grant Solicitation Comment Period

The Exchange Network is an Internet-based system used to exchange environmental and health data among EPA, states, tribes and territories, and other partners. From FY 2002 through FY 2014, EPA provided approximately \$190 million for state, tribal and territorial awards and associated program support through the Exchange Network grant program. In late July 2014, OEI held two meetings to discuss the draft solicitation notice for FY 2015 grants. The process was open to tribes, as well as other EPA offices and members of the public. It involved question and answer sessions, input on funding priorities, and general feedback on the notice. The final solicitation notice was issued in October 2014.

FY2014 Exchange Network Grants to Tribes

EPA awarded 39 Exchange Network grants totaling \$10.5 million for FY 2014. Ten grants valued at approximately \$2.9 million went to the following tribes:

⁴ The <u>Exchange Network</u> Grant Program provides funding to states, tribes, inter-tribal consortia, and territories to develop and implement the information technology and information management capabilities they need to actively participate in the Exchange Network. This grant program supports the exchange of environmental data and collaborative work within the Exchange Network.



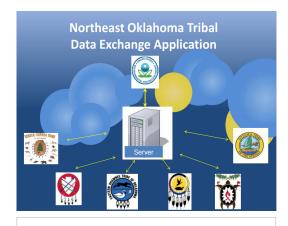
³ Federal Register/ Vol. 77, No. 76.

- Cherokee Nation
- Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma-Environment Department
- Eight Northern Indians Pueblo Council
- Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes
- Native American Environmental Protection Coalition
- Klamath Tribes Natural Resources
 Department
- Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
- Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa
 Indians
- Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
- Walker River Paiute Tribe

Since FY 2002, all 50 states, five territories, and 87 federally recognized tribes have received grants to facilitate their involvement in the development and implementation of the Exchange Network. FY 2014 is the fourteenth year that the Exchange Network Grant Program solicitation has included tribes.

Exchange Network National Meeting

The 2014 Exchange Network National Meeting was held February 24-27 in Philadelphia, PA, and via live webcast. OEI staff gave presentations and hands-on demonstrations of tools, services and applications. Topics ranged from electronic data transfer, reporting, and publishing; E-Enterprise; and environmental business innovations. Nearly 240 participants from EPA, states, and nine tribes and tribal agencies came together to share information, learn about new exchange technologies and applications, and build and strengthen partnerships. Presentations given by tribal representatives or concerning tribal issues included:



Exchange Network National Meeting 2014

Presentation on the Northeast Oklahoma Tribal Collaboration

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe, Wyandotte Nation, Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Seneca-Cayuga Tribe, M'iami Tribe, and Ottawa Tribe formed a data exchange group to collaborate on approaches for viewing each tribe's data and creating a model to identify pollution points upstream and downstream. An Exchange Network grant provided support to establish a node for information sharing and data modeling, allowing tribal partners to more effectively share environmental information and submit data to EPA's central data repository known as STORET. Future grant planning aims to expand the capabilities of the exchange, including mobile applications.



- Tribal Emergency Response
- Tribal ID Web Services
- Northeast Oklahoma Tribal Collaborative Effort
- Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission Nearshore Data Exchange

E-Enterprise

E-Enterprise for the Environment (E-Enterprise) is a joint initiative of states, tribes, and EPA to improve environmental outcomes and enhance service to the regulated community, stakeholders, and the public by maximizing the use of advanced monitoring and information technologies and reducing regulatory reporting burdens. While E-Enterprise uses the foundational work of the Exchange Network, it is a new initiative that began in early 2014. OEI assisted EPA's Office of the Chief Financial Officer's E-Enterprise team in developing a plan to inform the NTC and tribal environmental departments about E-Enterprise and recruit tribal participation into the E-Enterprise governance structure.

Cooperative Agreement with ITEP

EPA awarded a five-year cooperative agreement to the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) with a funding ceiling of \$800,000, the purpose of which is to increase tribal participation in the Exchange Network. Supported by the cooperative agreement, ITEP was able to participate in a number of planning activities with the Exchange Network Tribal Governance Group (TGG) for the Exchange Network Tribal Conference. ITEP also designed a new Tribal Exchange Network webpage and launched a quarterly newsletter, which includes information on funding announcements, upcoming events, tribal Exchange Network case studies, and guest-authored editorials.





http://www.tribalexchangenetwork.org/home.html

Goal 3: Facilitate the Collection and Analysis of Quality Tribal Data

OEI continued to meet with tool and systems owners across EPA who are interested in improving their ability to search environmental data by tribe, enhanced the TRI components and search features of Envirofacts to improve the use of data reported by facilities in Indian country and began receiving pollution prevention data from tribal facilities for the first time.

EPA Tribal Identifier Data Standard & TRIBES Web Service

OEI partnered with a number of EPA offices in 2014 to implement EPA's tribal identifier data standard via the TRIBES Web service. The TRIBES Web service provides users access to the current list of American Indian tribal names and codes, based on the Bureau of Indian Affairs list of federally recognized tribes. OEI worked with EPA's Underground Injection Control (UIC) program and the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response to explain the benefits of standardization through the Web service, and how TRIBES could be integrated into current tools and systems to facilitate consistent trend analyses, reporting, and decision-making. OEI is also collaborating with EPA's AIEO to develop an Agencywide strategy for prioritizing implementation of the data standard.



EPA Tribal Areas Layer and Web Service

During FY14, EPA incorporated the Tribal Areas geospatial Web service into several of its tools—Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO), Facility Registry System (FRS), and Cleanups in My Community—to improve access to environmental data, by tribe. FRS now has the ability to spatially analyze all FRS facilities against the tribal areas boundary layer, identifying matching reservation and associated tribes. A distance is also calculated for facilities within 25 miles of a tribal boundary. The spatial information derived from FRS has also been integrated into ECHO queries. Other systems that leverage FRS data will also be able to easily use this Web service. The OEI team continues to collaborate with internal and external partners to increase awareness of the availability of these services through EPA's GeoPlatform, FRS, and the TRIBES Web service to also facilitate implementation of the tribal name standard.

Users of ECHO, FRS, and Cleanups in My Community are now able to query these systems, by tribe, to assist in identifying concerns in Indian country and pinpointing trends and gaps. As the number of users increases, so does the consistency and comparability of EPA's data in Indian country.

Enhancements to Envirofacts Tribal Search Queries for TRI Components

Envirofacts is a tool that allows users to search multiple environmental databases for facility information, including toxic chemical releases, water discharge permit compliance, hazardous waste handling processes, Superfund status, and air emission estimates. In 2014, OEI staff enhanced the TRI components and search features of Envirofacts to improve the use of data reported to EPA's TRI Program by facilities in Indian country.

TRI National Analysis: Analysis of Indian Country and Alaska Native Villages

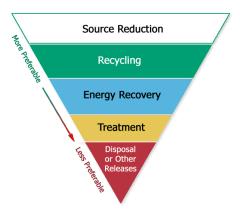
The <u>TRI National Analysis</u> report is published annually and includes a separate analysis of toxic releases for Indian country and ANVs.⁵ The most recent analysis of toxic releases on tribal lands uses 2013 TRI data. The mapping tool provided in the "Where You Live" chapter of the report displays locations of TRI reporting facilities for federally recognized tribes in the lower 48 states and ANVs. A table shows which industry sectors and chemicals accounted for the majority of disposal or other releases in each area.

⁵ TRI data are submitted annually to EPA, states, and tribes by facilities in industry sectors such as manufacturing, metal mining, electric utilities, and commercial hazardous waste. Under EPCRA, facilities must report their toxic chemical releases for the prior year to EPA by July 1 of each year. The Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 also requires facilities to submit information on pollution prevention and other waste management activities related to TRI chemicals.



TRI Pollution Prevention Tool

Under the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 (PPA), TRI collects information to track industry progress in reducing waste generation and moving towards safer waste management alternatives. When providing this required information, many facilities also choose to describe the measures they have taken to prevent pollution and reduce the amount of toxic chemicals entering the environment. The TRI Pollution Prevention Tool allows users to view reported information on pollution prevention activities and associated reductions in toxic chemical release quantities, or to view a facility comparison report. For reporting year 2012, 4 of the 39 facilities on tribal lands reported source reduction activities.



The PPA calls for pollution to be prevented or reduced at the source whenever feasible and released to the environment only as a last resort.

Goal 4: Expand the Use of Tribal Data and Analytical Tools

OEI coordinated with tribal partners throughout FY 2014 to refine existing data and tools and improve the ability to collect and analyze environmental information nationwide. Accomplishing this required meaningful collaboration and partnership across EPA headquarters, regions, tribes, and tribal organizations. Through strategic planning efforts and targeted outreach to better understand tribal needs and concerns, OEI enhanced EPA's environmental planning and decision-making efforts and the quality of underlying information to support these activities.

Headquarters Indian Program Coordinator Meetings

Together with EPA's ORD, OEI convened regular meetings of the EPA Headquarters Indian Program Coordinators to discuss national-level topics, coordinate with the AIEO, and organize headquarter positions on requests for comment on tribally relevant documents and policies. Throughout FY 2014, this group shared ideas on tribal consultation training, assisted the NTC with questions on their strategic planning efforts, and elevated EPA needs for tribal data to the AIEO for discussion with other federal agencies. In addition, Program Coordinators collected comments and recommendations on the Agency's internal tribal consultation training requirements and developed recommendations on the structure of future National Tribal Operations Committee meetings.



Cross-Agency Collaboration on Tribal Boundary Needs

The EPA GeoPlatform serves to coordinate and consolidate mapping activities, applications, and data. The GeoPlatform supports a wide variety of uses across EPA, including environmental justice screening tools and other data and applications of interest to tribes. EPA's GeoPlatform team, run by OEI with cross-Agency representation, convened meetings in FY 2014 with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (within the U.S. Department of the Interior) and U.S. Census Bureau to discuss the current status of tribal boundary efforts, EPA's needs for tribal boundary data, and to identify prospective opportunities for collaboration among federal agencies. OEI leads EPA's efforts to develop an integrated, comprehensive, efficient, and nationally consistent strategy for collecting, maintaining, and using geospatial information relevant to communities.

TRI for Tribes - ITEP Partnership

In partnership with ITEP, OEI provided targeted training on the TRI Program to over 80 tribal representatives, followed by stakeholder analysis carried out through discussions and interviews with tribal environmental staff to better understand tribal needs and areas of interest. In mid-2014, the training was hosted on ITEP's website. Results from the stakeholder analysis will be used to create a targeted TRI outreach strategy and assess where appropriate partnerships may be developed in the future.

Tribal ecoAmbassadors

Launched in 2012, the EPA Tribal ecoAmbassadors program partners EPA scientists with Tribal College and Universities (TCU) professors to solve environmental problems most important to tribal communities. As part of this effort, EPA conducts research in partnership with TCU professors, students, and community leaders to bring environmental improvements to schools and neighborhoods. EPA solicited applications for the 2014-2015 academic year in June 2014, and in August the following awardees were selected by the review panel:

- Fond Du Lac College (Cloquet, MN)
 Assessing Dragonflies as a Sentinel Species for Mercury in the St. Louis River Watershed
- Institute of American Indian Arts (Sante Fe, NM)
 Mapping stories of change Indigenous ecological knowledge and sustainable technologies for student-led campus climate adaptation and mitigation projects
- Northwest Indian College (Bellingham, WA), in partnership with Americorps Foodscaping a Tribal College



⁶ The GeoPlatform was developed by the member agencies of the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) through collaboration with partners and stakeholders. The target audience for the GeoPlatform includes Federal agencies such as the U.S. EPA, State, local, and Tribal governments, private sector, academia, and the general public.

Salish Kootenai College (Pablo, MT)
 Informing Camas Restoration on the Flathead Indian Reservation: adapting to climate change and invasive species

OEI staff participated on the application review panel, along with other EPA headquarters and regional staff, and provided technical support. Projects are currently ongoing and ecoAmbassador research results will be published in summer 2015. Accomplishments from the 2013-14 program year can be found at the following link http://www.aihec.org/our-stories/docs/reports/TribalecoAmbassadors/2014_TribalEcoAmbassadorReport.pdf

LOOKING FORWARD

The FY 2014 Tribal Accomplishments Report reflects OEI's progress with and commitment to working with tribal partners and stakeholders to increase awareness and effectiveness of EPA programs and policies. As environmental issues evolve, OEI will continue to seek and integrate tribal input to enhance the Agency's ability to collect and analyze environmental information for the benefit of tribal and non-tribal citizens alike.

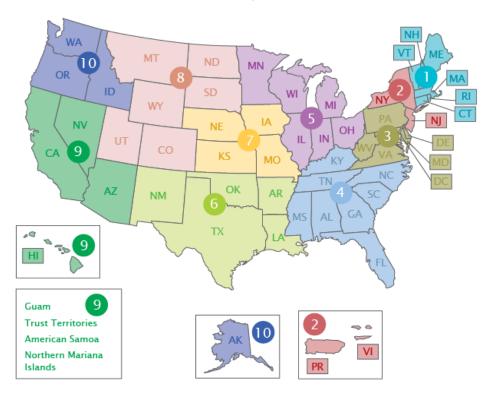
During the next year, OEI is planning to work with tribes to improve data collected about facilities in Indian country. This effort is in the planning stages and based on inquiries from tribes interested in the geospatial aspects of their Exchange Network grants. Data collaboration between EPA and interested tribes has the potential to aid in emergency response and enhance environmental decision-making. Through the Exchange Network tribal support cooperative agreement, OEI is also collaborating with ITEP to develop a mentor program for tribes likely to join the program in FY 2015; to launch the program, ITEP will identify tribes in need of assistance as well as appropriate Network stakeholders to serve as mentors.

Fundamental to the Tribal Strategy is OEI's recognition, through words and actions, that EPA's programs are stronger and more protective of human health and the environment when they meet the needs of a broad, diverse universe of partners. This requires robust data from partnerships representing the views of the nation as a whole. When these data are transformed into information, all parties are empowered to make stronger, more inclusive decisions. OEI will continue to maintain conversations with tribes to identify needed changes or updates to the OEI Tribal Strategy, discuss information efforts and concerns of tribes and tribal partners, and expand coordination among OEI and other EPA program offices.



APPENDIX A: LIST OF TRIBES BY EPA REGION

EPA Regions



Region 1: New England

Mashantucket Pequot Tribe Mohegan Indian Tribe Aroostook Band of Micmacs Indians

Houlton Band of Malaseet Indians

Passamaquoddy Tribe (Indian Township)

Passamaquoddy Tribe (Pleasant Point)

Penobscot Tribe

Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Tribal Council, Inc.

Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Narragansett Indian Tribe

Region 2: NY/NJ/PR/VI

Cayuga Nation
Oneida Nation
Onondaga Nation
Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
Seneca Nation
Shinnecock Indian Nation
Tonawanda Band of Seneca
Indians NY

Region 3: Mid-Atlantic

Tuscarora Nation NY

Pamunkey Indian Tribe of VA

Region 4: Southeast

Poarch Band of Creek Indians Miccosukee Tribe of Indians Seminole Tribe Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Catawba Indian Nation

Region 5: Great Lakes

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

Bay Mills Indian Community Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

Hannahville Indian Community Notawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi

Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi Indians



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa
Indians
Lower Sioux Indian Community
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe
Prairie Island Indian Community
Red Lake Band of Chippewa
Indians
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux
Community
Upper Sioux Community
Bad River Band of the Lake

Upper Sioux Community
Bad River Band of the Lake
Superior Tribe of Chippewa
Indians of the Bad River
Reservation

Forest County Potawatomi Community

Ho-Chunk Nation

Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

Lac du Flambeau Band of Chippewa

Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin

Oneida Tribe of Indians Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior

Chippewa Indians
St. Croix Chippewa Indians
Sokaogon Chippewa Communit

Sokaogon Chippewa Community Stockbridge Munsee Community

Region 6: South Central

Chitimacha Tribe Coushatta Tribe Jena Band of Choctaw Indians Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town Apache Tribe Caddo Nation Cherokee Nation Chevenne-Arapaho Tribes Chickasaw Nation **Choctaw Nation** Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe **Comanche Nation Delaware Nation Delaware Tribes of Indians** Eastern Shawnee Tribe Fort Sill Apache Tribe Iowa Tribe **Kaw Nation** Kialegee Tribal Town Kickapoo Tribe Kiowa Indian Tribe Miami Tribe

Modoc Tribe

Osage Tribe

Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Ottawa Tribe Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians Pawnee Nation Peoria Tribe of Indians Ponca Tribe of Indians Quapaw Tribe of Indians Sac & Fox Nation Seminole Nation Seneca-Cayuga Tribe Shawnee Tribe Thlopthlocco Tribal Town Tonkawa Tribe of Indians United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco, and Tawakonie) **Wyandotte Nation** Jicarilla Apache Nation Mescalero Apache Tribe of the Mescalero Reservation Navajo Nation Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo of Acoma

Pueblo of Jemez
Pueblo of Laguna
Pueblo of Nambe
Pueblo of Picuris
Pueblo of Pojoaque
Pueblo of San Felipe
Pueblo of San Ildefonso
Pueblo of Santa Ana
Pueblo of Santa Clara
Pueblo of Santo Domingo
Pueblo of Taos
Pueblo of Tesuque
Pueblo of Zia

Pueblo of Cochiti

Pueblo of Isleta

Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountain Reservation Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation Alabama-Coushatta Tribe Kickapoo Traditional Tribe Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo

Region 7: Midwest

Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi lowa Tribe Kickapoo Tribe of Indians of the Kickapoo Reservation Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri Omaha Tribe of Nebraska Ponca Tribe Santee Sioux Nation Winnebago Tribe **Region 8: Mountains and Plains** Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Reservation Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountain Reservation Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation Chippewa-Cree Indians of the Rocky Boy's Reservation Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation Crow Tribe Fort Belknap Indian Community of the Fort Belknap Reservation Northern Chevenne Tribe of the Northern Chevenne Indian Reservation Spirit Lake Tribe Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of the Cheyenne River Reservation Crow Creek Sioux Tribe of the Crow Creek Reservation Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of the Lower Brule Reservation Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine

Creek Reservation
Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe
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Lower Brule Reservation
Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine
Ridge Reservation
Rosebud Sioux Tribe of the
Rosebud Indian Reservation
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Yankton Sioux Tribe
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the
Lake Traverse Reservation
Confederated Tribes of the
Goshute Reservation
Navajo Nation
Paiute Indian Tribe:

Cedar City Band of Paiutes
Kanosh Band of Paiutes
Koosharem Band of Paiutes
Indian Peaks Band of Paiutes
Shivwits Band of Paiutes

Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians

Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation

Arapahoe Tribe of the Wind River Reservation

Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation



Region 9: Pacific Southwest

Ak Chin Indian Community of the Maricopa (Ak Chin) Indian Reservation

Cocopah Indian Tribe

Colorado River Indian Tribes of the Colorado River Indian Reservation

Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Fort Moiave Indian Tribe

Gila River Indian Community of the Gila River Indian Reservation

Havasupai Tribe of the Havasupai Reservation

Hopi Tribe

Hualapai Indian Tribe of the Hualapai Indian Reservation

Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians of the Kaibab Indian Reservation

Navajo Nation

Pascua Yaqui Tribe

Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation

San Carlos Apache Tribe of the San Carlos Reservation

San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe Tohono O'odham Nation Tonto Apache Tribe

White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Reservation

Yavapai-Apache Nation of the Camp Verde Indian Reservation

Yavapai-Prescott Tribe of the Yavapai Reservation

Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians (formerly the Augustine Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians of the

Augustine Reservation)

Alturas Indian Rancheria

Augustine Band of Cahuilla
Mission Indians of the Augustine
Reservation

Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria

Berry Creek Rancheria of Maidu Indians

Big Lagoon Rancheria

Big Pine Band of Owens Valley
Paiute Shoshone Indians of the
Big Pine Reservation

Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians

Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians of the Big Valley Rancheria

Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians

Fort Mojave Indian Tribe

Greenville Rancheria of Maidu Indians

Grindstone Indian Rancheria of Wintun-Wailaki Indians

Guidiville Rancheria

Death Valley Timbia-Sha Shoshone Tribe

Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians

Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians

Ewiiaapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians

Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

Fort Independence Indian
Community of Paiute Indians of
the Fort Independence
Reservation

Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes of the Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation

Greenville Rancheria

Habermatolel Pomo of Upper Lake

Hoopa Valley Tribe

Hopland Band of Pomo Indians lipay Nation Santa Ysabel

Inaja Band of Diegueno Missions Indians of the Inaja and Cosmit Reservation.

Ione Band of Miwok Indians Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk

Indians Jamul Indian Village

Karuk Tribe

Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria Kewa Pueblo

La Jolla Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the La Jolla Reservation

La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the La Posta Indian Reservation

Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla & Cupeno Indians of the Los Coyotes Reservation

Lower Lake Rancheria Lytton Rancheria

Manchester Band of Pomo Indians of the Manchester-Point Arena Bancheria

Manzanita Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Manzanita Reservation.

Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria

Mesa Grande Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Mesa Grande Reservation Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians

Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians

Morongo Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians of the Morongo Reservation

Northfork Rancheria of Mono Indians

Paiute-Shoshone Indians of the Bishop Community of the Bishop Colony

Paiute-Shoshone Indians of the Lone Pine Community of the Lone Pine Reservation

Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation

Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians
Pauma Band of Luiseño Mission

Indians of the Pauma and Yuima
Reservation

Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation

Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians

Pinoleville Pomo Nation

Pit River Tribe

(includes XL Ranch, Big Bend, Likely, Lookout, Montgomery Creek and Roaring Creek Rancherias)

Potter Valley Tribe

Quartz Valley Indian Community of the Quartz Valley Reservation

Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation

Ramona Band or Village of Cahuilla Mission Indians

Redding Rancheria

Redwood Valley Rancheria of Pomo Indians

Resighini Rancheria

Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon

Reservation

Robinson Rancheria of Pomo

Round Valley Indian Tribes of the Round Valley Reservation

San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians of the San Manuel Reservation

San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians

Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla

Indians



(formerly the Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians of the Santa Rosa Reservation)

Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation

Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Santa Ysabel Reservation

Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians

Sherwood Valley Rancheria of Pomo Indians

Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria (Verona Tract)

Smith River Rancheria Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Susanville Indian Rancheria

Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation

Table Mountain Rancheria Torres Martinez Desert Cahuila Indians

Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation

Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria

Twenty- Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians

United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria

Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe of the Benton Paiute Reservation

Washoe Tribe

(Carson Colony, Dresslerville Colony, Woodfords Community, Stewart Community, and Washoe Ranches)

Wiyot Tribe

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Yurok Tribe of the Yurok Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation

Duckwater Shoshone Tribe of the **Duckwater Reservation**

Ely Shoshone Tribe

Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes of the Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation

Fort Mojave Indian Tribe

Las Vegas Tribe of Paiute Indians of the Las Vegas Indian Colony

Lovelock Paiute Tribe of the Lovelock Indian Colony

Moapa Band of Paiute Indians of the Moapa River Indian Reservation

Paiute-Shoshone Tribe of the Fallon Reservation and Colony Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe of the Pyramid Lake Reservation Reno-Sparks Indian Colony

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the **Duck Valley Reservation**

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe

Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians

Four constituent bands:

Battle Mountain Band Elko Band South Fork Band

Wells Band

Walker River Paiute Tribe of the Walker River Reservation

Washoe Tribe

(Carson Colony, Dresslerville Colony, Woodfords Community, Stewart Community, and Washoe Ranches)

Winnemucca Indian Colony Yerington Paiute Tribe of the Yerington Colony & Campbell Ranch

Yomba Shoshone Tribe of the Yomba Reservation

Region 10: Pacific Northwest

Coeur D'Alene Tribe of the Coeur D'Alene Reservation

Kootenai Tribe Nez Perce Tribe

Northwestern Band of Shoshoni Nation (Washakie)

Shoshone -Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation

Burns Paiute Tribe of the Burns Paiute Indian Colony

Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians

Confederated Tribes of Grand **Ronde Community**

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Reservation

Confederated Tribes of the **Umatilla Reservation**

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation

Coquille Indian Tribe

Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians

Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes of the Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation.

Klamath Tribes

Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Cowlitz Indian Tribe

Hoh Indian Tribe of the Hoh Indian Reservation

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Kalispel Indian Community of the Kalispel Reservation

Lower Elwha Tribal Community of the Lower Elwha Reservation

Lummi Tribe of the Lummi

Reservation

Makah Indian Tribe of the Makah Indian Reservation

Muckleshoot Indian Tribe of the Muckleshoot Reservation

Nisqually Indian Tribe of the

Nisqually Reservation

Nooksack Indian Tribe

Port Gamble Indian Community of the Port Gamble Reservation

Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation

Quileute Tribe of the Quileute Reservation

Quinault Tribe of the Quinault Reservation

Samish Indian Tribe

Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe

Shoalwater Bay Tribe of the Shoalwater Bay Indian

Reservation

Skokomish Indian Tribe of the Skokomish Reservation

Snoqualmie Tribe

Spokane Tribe of the Spokane Reservation

Squaxin Island Tribe of the Squaxin Island Reservation

Stillaguamish Tribe

Suguamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation

Swinomish Indians of the Swinomish Reservation

Tulalip Tribes of the Tulalip

Reservation

Upper Skagit Indian Tribe

Agdaagux Tribe of the King Cove **Akiachak Native Community**

Akiak Native Community

Alatna Village

Algaaciq Native Village (St. Mary's)

Allakaket Village

Angoon Community Association

Anvik Village

Arctic Village (formerly the Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government)

Asa' carsarmiut Tribe Atgasuk Village (Atkasook)

Beaver Village



Birch Creek Tribe Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes Chalkyitsik Village Cheesh-Na Tribe (formerly the Native Village of Chistochina) Chevak Native Village Chickaloon Native Village Chignik Bay Tribal Council (formerly the Native Village of Chianik) Chignik Lake Village Chilkat Indian Village (Klukwan) Chilkoot Indian Association (Haines) Chinik Eskimo Community (Gologvin) Chuloonawick Native Village Circle Native Community **Craig Tribal Association Curyung Tribal Council Douglas Indian Association** Egegik Village Eklutna Native Village Ekwok Village Emmonak Village Evansville Village (aka Bettles Galena Village (aka Louden Village) Gulkana Village Healy Lake Village Holy Cross Village **Hoonah Indian Association Hughes Village** Huslia Village **Hydaburg Cooperative Association** Igiugig Village **Inupiat Community of the Arctic** Slope **Igurmuit Traditional Council** Ivanoff Bay Village Kaguyak Village Kaktovik Village (aka Barter Island) Kasigluk Traditional Elders Council Kenaitze Indian Tribe Ketchikan Indian Corporation King Island Native Community King Salmon Tribe Klawock Cooperative Association Knik Tribe Kokhanok Village Koyukuk Native Village Levelock Village Lime Village Manley Hot Springs Village Manokotak Village McGrath Native Village Native Village of Mekoryuk Mentasta Traditional Council Metlakatla Indian Community, Annette Island Reserve

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Organized Village of Saxman



Orutsararmuit Native Village (aka Bethel) Oscarville Traditional Village Pauloff Harbor Village Pedro Bay Village Petersburg Indian Association Pilot Station Traditional Village Platinum Traditional Village Portage Creek Village (aka Ohgsenakale) **Pribilof Islands Aleut Communities** of St. Paul & St. George Islands Qagan Tayagungin Tribe of Sand Point Village Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska Rampart Village Saint George Island (Pribilof Islands Aleut Communities of St. Paul & St. George Islands) Saint Paul Island (Pribilof Islands Aleut Communities of St. Paul & St. George Islands)

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Village of Chefornak

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